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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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#### Announcement of Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its next meeting in the Mesa Room of the Golden Hotel at 800 11th Street, Golden, Colorado. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. The Committee will receive reports on the status of activities of the Program and progress toward Program goals and objectives. The Committee will assess this information and provide guidance on the future undertakings and direction of the Earthquake Hazards Program. Focus topics for this meeting include a program review and strategic planning for 2016-2018.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 7-8, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. William Leith, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6786, [wleith@usgs.gov](mailto:wleith@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

**Authority:** Public Law 106-503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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#### Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Grazing Permits

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to OMB.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal of the collection of information for Grazing Permits authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0157. This information collection expires October 31, 2016.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 7, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your comments to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov). Also please send a copy of your comments to David Edington, Office of Trust Services, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 4637 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 219-0006; email: [David.Edington@bia.gov](mailto:David.Edington@bia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Edington, Office of Trust Services, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 4637 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 219-0006; email: [David.Edington@bia.gov](mailto:David.Edington@bia.gov). You may review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The "American Indian Agricultural Resource Management Act," (AIARMA), 25 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in participation with the beneficial owner of the land, to manage Indian agricultural lands in a manner consistent with identified Tribal goals and priorities for conservation, multiple use, sustained yield, and consistent with trust responsibilities, related to grazing on Tribal land, individually-owned Indian land, or government land. The regulations at 25 CFR 166, Grazing Permits, implement

the AIARMA and include the specific information collection requirements.

This information collection allows BIA to obtain the information necessary to determine whether an applicant is eligible to acquire, modify, or assign a grazing permit on trust or restricted lands and to allow a successful applicant to meet bonding requirements. Some of this information is collected on forms. The burden hours for this continued collection of information are reflected in the Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden in this notice.

##### II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0157.

*Title:* Grazing Permits, 25 CFR 166.

*Brief Description of Collection:*

Submission of this information allows individuals or organizations to acquire or modify a grazing permit on Tribal land, individually-owned Indian land, or government land and to meet bonding requirements. Some of this information is collected on the following forms: Form 5-5423—Performance Bond, Form 5-5514—Bid for Grazing Privileges, 5-5515 Grazing Permit, Form 5-5516—Grazing Permit for Organized Tribes, Form 5-5517—

Free Grazing Permit, Form 5–5519—Cash Penal Bond, Form 5–5520—Power of Attorney, Form 5–5521—Certificate and Application for On-and-Off Grazing Permit, Form 5522—Modification of Grazing Permit, Form 5–5523—Assignment of Grazing Permit, Form 5–5524—Application for Allocation of Grazing Privileges, 5–5525 Authority to Grant Grazing Privileges on Allotted Lands, Form 5–5528—Livestock Crossing Permit, and Form 5–5529—Removable Range Improvement Records. Response is required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Tribes, Tribal organizations, individual Indians, and non-Indian individuals and associations.

*Number of Respondents:* 800.

*Number of Responses:* 7,810.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Obligation to Respond:* A response is required to obtain or maintain a benefit.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Varies from 20 minutes to one hour, with an average of less than one hour per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 2,701.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost:* \$0.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Verde Transmission Project in New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) land use planning regulations, the BLM announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluating the proposed 33-mile, 345-kilovolt (kV) Verde Transmission Project and potential amendment to the

Taos Resource Management Plan (RMP) pursuant to the BLM's land use planning regulations. The BLM is the lead agency in the development of the EIS and will work in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE), and the National Park Service (NPS). By this notice, the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues on the proposed transmission line and a potential plan amendment.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted in writing until December 5, 2016. The dates and locations of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/nm/verde>. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 60-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments or resource information by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/nm/verde>
- *Email:* [BLM\\_NM\\_Verde@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NM_Verde@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* (505) 954–2136.
- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, Verde Transmission Project, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502–0115.

Documents pertinent to the right-of-way (ROW) application for the proposed transmission line project may be examined at: Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, Public Room, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508, and the BLM's Taos Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571–5983.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to the project mailing list, contact Adrian Garcia, BLM Project Manager, Verde Transmission Project, at the BLM New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502–0115, or by email at [BLM\\_NM\\_Verde@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NM_Verde@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Verde Transmission, LLC (Applicant) has submitted an application to the BLM for

a right-of-way (ROW) to construct, operate, maintain, and eventually decommission a 345-kV overhead transmission line that would connect the existing Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) Ojo Substation in southern Rio Arriba County to the existing Norton Substation in Santa Fe County, New Mexico. The proposed line would cross approximately 10 miles of BLM land, 15 miles of tribal land, and 8 miles of private land. The permanent ROW requested for the project would be 150 feet wide if approved. Since the proposed transmission project would not be consistent with the existing visual resource management classifications of the area, as part of its review of the ROW application the BLM is also evaluating potential amendments to the visual resource classifications in the Taos Resource Management Plan.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for analysis in the forthcoming EIS and the potential plan amendment have been identified by BLM personnel. The issues specific to the proposed transmission project include potential impacts to cultural, visual, and wildlife resources; the Old Spanish Trail National Historic Trail and the El Camino Real National Historical Trail; livestock grazing; opportunities for recreation; and socioeconomic impacts. Issues specific to the potential RMP amendment include a possible change to the visual resource management classification of the project area, as prescribed by the Taos RMP, which was originally designed to limit visual intrusions that create a contrast with the existing visual quality of the area.

If the ROW application or plan amendment is approved, the BLM would identify, analyze, and require mitigation, as appropriate, to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources. Mitigation may include avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction, or elimination over time, and compensatory mitigation. These potential measures may be considered at multiple scales, including the landscape-scale. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you must submit comments by the close of the 60-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.